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HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

the details of the steps taken by the Government to ensure compliance of Hazardous Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2003 and the Municipal Solid Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

The Ministry had notified the Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules,1989 as amended in 2000 and 2003 for regulating management and handling of hazardous waste. Based on the experience gained in the implementation of these Rules, the Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008 have been notified repealing the earlier Rules with a view to ensuring effective implementation. The Ministry has also provided financial assistance for strengthening the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) for facilitating implementation of the Rules. Financial assistance has also been provided for setting up Common Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facilities for hazardous waste management. In addition, the Ministry and the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) from time to time sponsor training pogrammes for creation of awareness about the provisions laid down in the Rules. The CPCB has also published guidelines on various aspects of the hazardous waste management for ensuring compliance of the Rules.

As per the Municipal Solid Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2000, the Secretary- in-Charge of the Department of Urban Development of the concerned State or the Union Territory has the overall responsibility for the enforcement of the provision of these Rules in the metropolitan Cities. The District Magistrate or the Deputy Commissioner of the concerned District has the responsibility for enforcement of these Rules with the territorial limits of their Jurisdiction. The CPCB has also issued directions, from time to time, to State Urban Departments for implementation of the Rules in their States. The Ministry and the CPCB has in addition provided financial and technical assistance to set up model landfill sites in a number of cities and for conducting training programmes on the subject.